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The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE RE: **SB 1044 (Kuehl) – SUPPORT**

Dear Governor Davis:

On behalf of the California Nurses Association, I am writing to express our support for **SB 1044 (Kuehl)**. This bill would require the Director of Industrial Relations to review and prepare a report that assesses the potential impact of international trade agreements on California labor laws and regulations. The bill would require the Director to make the final report available to the Legislature and the public on or before January 1, 2003.

As the reach of global trade rules increases the possibility of challenges to state laws and regulations, California legislators need to be made aware of any threats to their hard fought-for state laws.

As the sixth largest economy in the world, California has a vital role to play in promoting trade and economic development. Yet, trade agreements, made by non-elected bodies, increasingly impact our day to day lives. As the global economy grows, it becomes even more important that trade agreements do not infringe upon our ability as a state to maintain our high standards of worker safety and human rights protections.

We urge your signature on this measure.

Sincerely,

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